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CA SUPREME COURT RULES AGAINST PARENTAL CONSENT. ABORTION WILL BE HOT ISSUE IN '98.

Editor's note: The *dogs days of summer* suddenly turned very hot, politically speaking, after the CA Supreme Court, on a 4-3 decision, *reversed* the previous 1996 ruling which upheld Calif.'s 1987 law requiring minors to get parental consent before having an **abortion**. The political fallout of this new ruling will certainly be felt in *Campaign '98*. Here is our report & analysis...

...Some 30 states in the U.S. have parental consent laws on the books. Calif.'s law was passed by a Demo controlled legislature in 1987. That's important to remember. In favor of declaring CA's law unconstitutional were Chief Justice Ronald George and Justices Ming W. Chin, Kathryn Werdegard and Joyce Kenard. Those in the minority were Justices Stanley Mosk, Janice Rogers Brown and Marvin Baxter. Mosk, the only Demo/lib on the high court (appointed by Gov. Pat Brown), was the author of the '96 decision, upholding Calif.'s 1987 parental consent law...

...Pro-Life/anti-abortion forces immediately denounced the new ruling and vowed to target both George and Chin when they (along with Mosk and Brown) must face voters for reconfirmation in November of 1998. If this target threat is carried out, voters may see a rerun of the 1986 effort which knocked former Chief Justice Rose Bird and two other justices off the State Supreme Court. Others disagree, noting that the *George Court* hasn't stirred nearly as much controversy as Bird and her colleagues. Despite the fact that he has denounced this new decision, anti-abortion forces also are steamed at Gov. Pete Wilson, because he appointed all four justices who voted to overturn the 1996 decision...

...In terms of Calif. politics, a majority of voters here support a woman's right to choose, but also oppose mid and late term abortions, except where the mother's

life is endangered. The waters get somewhat *merky* on the question of State Medi-Cal funding of abortion, but a slight majority is in favor. The last time pollster Mervin Field questioned voters about *parental consent* was in May of 1992. Although the question was framed a little differently than the law reads, **63%** were in favor of requiring a minor to inform a parent before getting an abortion vs. **34%** who were opposed...

...If hardline conservatives do indeed carry out this threat to target George & Chin, is it possible this action could spill over to other races? Sources say absolutely YES --- especially the contests for governor, attorney general and U.S. Senate -- as well as down-ballot legislative races. Stay tuned...

CAMPAIGN '98: PART VII - U.S. HOUSE CONTESTS.

Editor's note: Here's another brief update about U.S. House contests in 1998...

☒ **41st CD** - U.S. Rep. Jay Kim(R-Diamond Bar) and his wife, June, were arraigned Aug. 4th before a Federal Judge, charged with accepting \$230,000 in illegal corporate & foreign campaign contributions, in connection with his 1992 election. The congressman and his wife have agreed to plead guilty to misdemeanor violations. Many insiders who have been watching this 4-year-old FBI/DOJ probe think Kim is very lucky not to have been charged with felony violations, as were some of the others in this long case. Regardless, Kim could face a very hefty fine (up to \$635,000) + six months in jail --- although **Calpeek** sources think jail is out of the question, because U.S. Dist. Judge Richard A. Paez will have the final say on punishment...

...Sources close to Kim say the 3-term lawmaker is planning to seek reelection in '98, but this guilty plea on campaign violations certainly makes him vulnerable. As **Calpeek** had reported some months ago, GOP

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Assemblyman Gary Miller of Diamond Bar has been eyeing this race for some time and he told **Calpeek** that he has been "encouraged to run" by a large number of constituents. But Miller isn't the only Republican from the Assembly looking at the 41st CD. So is Fred Aguiar of Chino. In a one-on-one, sources think either Miller or Aguiar could defeat Kim, but in a 3-way open primary, Kim could win reelection...

...What do the Demos think of this situation with Kim? One Demo source told **Calpeek**, "Hopefully, Newt will come to Calif. to defend Jay Kim."...

☒ **50th CD** - U.S. Rep. Bob Filner(D-San Diego) was arrested July 26th and charged with crossing a police line in Washington DC, where about a dozen **Filipino WWII veterans** were demonstrating White House and congressional inaction on Filner's bill (HR 836) to give about 70,000 living Filipino war vets VA benefits. Filner says he was upset with the way police were handling the demonstrators, who had chained themselves to the White House fence. Will this hurt Filner back home in the 50th CD? Unlikely. In fact, it will help him because Filipinos make up 15% of the 50th CD...

☒ **1st CD** - Sources say it looks doubtful that Michela Alioto(D) will again retain ace Demo media consultant Bill Carrick to run her '98 primary race. According to **Calpeek** sources, Carrick met with Alioto after the race for a *post-mortem* and she supposedly took offense at Carrick's suggestion that she consider options other than the 1st CD in '98. Alioto then went to DC where she met with VP Al Gore, who supposedly said, "Hire Squier," -- as in Demo media consultant Bob Squier. Against popular Demo State Sen. Mike Thompson most all **Calpeek** sources think Alioto is wasting her time and hurting Demo prospects for defeating Riggs in '98...

☒ **10th CD** - While Dublin Mayor Guy Houston(R) is seriously looking at a '98 challenge to freshman U.S. Rep. Ellen Tauscher(D), **Calpeek** sources report that another GOP mayor, Allen Payton of Antioch, also is looking. Stay tuned...

FULL METAL JACKET: UPDATE ON KEY GUN BILLS.

Editor's note: In the Spring, all the action concerning **gun bills** was in the State Assembly. Now, with only a few weeks left before adjournment, the focus has shifted to the State Senate. There are still 6 key gun bills whose fate has not yet been determined. Here's our brief update & analysis...

...The bills still on the table include: 1) AB 23(Perata) is a rewrite of the Roberti-Roos Law banning assault weapons; 2) AB 304(Scott) makes it illegal for passengers to hide guns in cars; 3) AB 488 (Caldera) & SB 500(Polanco) are similar bills which ban the sale of cheap handguns - *Saturday Night Specials*; 4) AB 491(Keeley) deals with the safe storage of guns; 5) AB 991(Shelley) requires new Calif. residents to register their handguns - just like Californians must do when they acquire handguns in State; and 6) AB 1124 (Aroner) requires that gun dealers sell *trigger locks*...

...Here's the outlook on the 6 bills which are still active:

◆ **Assault Weapons** - AB 23 by Assemblyman Don Perata has been amended numerous times to meet various concerns and is still alive. The big question is Gov. Pete Wilson. Sources say the governor has not indicated what amendments he requires - if any - in order to sign the bill. The gun lobby opposes...

◆ **AB 304** - Assemblyman Jack Scott's bill has been amended to satisfy all parties. Odds are good this bill will pass and will be signed by Gov. Wilson...

◆ **Saturday Night Special Ban** - When first presented, it was thought that Sen. Richard Polanco's SB 500 was narrower in scope and thus more acceptable to the gun lobby. But Polanco amended his bill (to satisfy law enforcement groups) and now his bill is very similar to AB 488 by Assemblyman Louis Caldera. Despite a strongly worded Aug. 1st editorial in the *L.A. Times* urging passage of Polanco's SB 500, sources say it's *doubtful* either bill will reach Gov. Wilson's desk...

◆ **AB 491** - The gun lobby (NRA) will have a tough time arguing against this bill because the NRA was the sponsor of the original safe storage legislation...

◆ **AB 991** - Some minor amendments have been added to satisfy Gov. Wilson. Sources think he'll sign

this bill when it reaches his desk...

◆ **AB 1124** - The trigger lock bill by Assemblywoman Dion Aroner may reach Gov. Wilson's desk, but he vetoed similar legislation in 1991 --- and our sources expect him to do it again...

...Bottomline: **Looking good** - ABs 304, 491 & 991; **in trouble** - 1124, 488 & SB 500; **toss up**, AB 23. Stay tuned...

CAMPAIGN '98: CALIF. STATE SENATE UPDATE.
Editor's note: Here's another update about the various election contests for the Calif. State Senate...

☒ **2nd SD** - This is the soon-to-be open seat of State Sen. Mike Thompson(D-Santa Rosa), who plans to run for the U.S. House in '98 against incumbent Frank Riggs(R). For many months it was thought that Assemblywoman Valerie Brown(D-Kenwood) would run for this seat, but she's not. So Senate Democratic Leader Bill Lockyer has been scrambling to find some candidates. On the Demo side, 3 names have surfaced so far: Sonoma Co. Sup. Tim Smith; former Humboldt Co. Sup. Wes Chesbro; and perhaps Assemblywoman Virginia Strom Martin of Duncans Mills...

...The 2nd SD is definitely a GOP target with Thompson out of the way, even though registration still favors the Demos. On the GOP, side keep your eyes on John Jordan, CEO of Kaffe Mocha (rival to Starbucks) and son of Tom Jordan, owner of Jordan Winery. We're talking *deep pockets*. John Jordan has already hired Sacto-based Russo Marsh + Raper. Jordan is described as a young *Bruce McPherson* --- in other words, his politics are moderate...

☒ **20th SD** - In this battle to replace Sen. Herschel Rosenthal(D), who is *termed out*, former Democratic Assembly Leader Richard Katz has trumped his Demo rival, L.A. Councilman Richard Alarcon, by winning the endorsements of two of Alarcon's city council colleagues: Laura Chick and Michael Feuer. Needless to say, Alarcon was **not** a happy camper when this news was made public...

☒ **34th SD** - This is the seat currently occupied by State Sen. Ruben Ayala(D-San Bernardino). The 34th

SD is another GOP target, but right now the situation in the Inland Empire is rather confused. *It's political musical chairs time*. Ayala is *termed out* and the original plan was for Assemblyman Joe Baca(D) to run for this seat. But Baca has said he'll do the unthinkable and challenge U.S. Rep. George Brown(D-Colton) in the Demo primary. That would tend to leave Lockyer again scrambling for a replacement to face Assemblyman Fred Aguirre(R-Chino), a very formidable candidate in this Demo leaning 34th SD. But now Aguirre may be thinking of challenging U.S. Rep. Jay Kim(R) in the 41st CD. So who's on first? Demos are said to be talking with San Bernardino Co. Sup. Larry Walker, who is listening, but also is thinking about running for County Auditor-Controller. We'll update when we get more info. Stay tuned...

CAMPAIGN '98: ODDS & ENDS FROM AROUND CALIF.
Editor's note: Here are some political short takes worth noting for Campaign '98...

◆ **Finance Reports** - So far, we only have info on Calif.'s top two races, but as the other reports come in, we'll run them. Here's the campaign reports for U.S. Senate and Governor. (COH = cash on hand)

Governor	Total Contributions	COH
Lungren(R)	\$550,000	\$2.5 million
Davis(D)	\$200,000	\$3.8 million
Checchi(D)	-0-	\$2,416,773

U.S. Senate		
Boxer(D)	\$1,484,206	\$2,030,492
Issa(R)	\$15,483	\$2,008,806
Fong(R)	\$ 953,231	\$ 548,261
Golding(R)	\$ 341,651	\$ 231,839

...Big spenders for the period were Checchi at \$652,957 and Boxer at \$761,904...

...Nothing very shocking about these figures, except we should note that our sources thought San Diego Mayor Susan Golding(R) should have done a little better. This early showing isn't really too impressive and she's reporting a debt of \$78,000...

● **LA. County Races** - A survey by pollster Arnold Steinberg on *job performance* for incumbent L.A. Co. Sheriff Sherman Block shows 10.2% very good, 52.5% good, 17.8% poor, 5.7% very poor and 13.8% are un-

decided. Poll of 600 likely voters (late July). Also facing voters for reelection next year is popular County Assessor Kenneth Hahn (no relation to the ex county supe of the same name). Same survey data: 4.8% very good, 53.3% good, 10.8% poor, 1.3% very poor, and 29.7% undecided...

◆ **Secretary of State's Campaign** - Demo candidate Tony Miller has hired Charley Dobbs to coordinate fundraising efforts for his SOS '98 campaign...

DOG DAYS OF SUMMER: POLITICAL SHORT TAKES.

Editor's note: Here are a few political items worth noting...

■ **Mehta to Leave FPPC Job** - Ravi Mehta, the besieged chair of the Fair Political Practices Comm., plans to resign from the agency no later than Sept. 30th. He has been criticized for a speech he gave to lobbyists where he questioned the constitutionality of Prop. 208. Sources say Gov. Wilson already has selected a Capitol insider as a replacement. What are Mehta's future plans? Sources think he might be interested in running for the 56th AD in '98...

■ **Public Funding of Sports Facilities** - While the deal to bring the L.A. Lakers(NBA) and Kings(NHL) from Inglewood to a proposed downtown L.A. Convention Center sports arena still appears to be on a very fast track, L.A. City Atty. Jim Hahn wants full disclosure of all the details of the agreement between the city and developers Ed Roski & Philip Anschutz (who also own the L.A. Kings). Hahn says he doesn't want any after-the-fact surprises. FYI: An interesting July 27th article by San Diego Union Tribune business columnist Don Bauder about how pro sports teams (Bauder calls them Corporate Welfare, Inc.) are shifting the risks and costs of sports facilities to local taxpayers...

■ **Carmony Re-trial Set for Dec. 1st** - The Orange Co. DA plans to retry GOP political operative Rhonda Carmony on Dec. 1st. Carmony was charged with 3 felony election law violations arising out of the 1995 recall of former Assemblywoman Doris Allen(R). Carmony's first trial ended in a hung jury on all 3 counts (10-2, 10-2 and 9-3 --- all in favor of conviction). The Orange Co. DA's office wanted an earlier trial date, but Judge Francisco Briseno's calendar was full...

■ **Parks New LAPD Chief** - L.A. Mayor Richard Riordan has named 32-year LAPD veteran Bernard C. Parks as the department's 52nd chief. For months insiders said that Parks was the odds on favorite to replace former Chief Willie Williams - and they were right. Parks is the second African-American hold the job and the 53-year-old chief is a master in the art of city council politics - an area where Williams was lacking. Politically, Riordan's choice was very smart...

NEW JOBS, ADDRESSES AND PERSONNEL NOTICES.

Editor's note: Here are some items to mark down in your notebook...

● Former State Sen. William Campbell(R) will step down as president of the CA Manuf. Assn. in March of 1998, but will continue as a consultant for the group. He was hired by the CMA in 1990...

● Santa Monica-based Galanty & Co. has been hired by the Recovery Network, a new cable channel devoted to the issues of substance abuse, alcoholism and other behavioral problems. Sidney Galanty will be in charge of political affairs/community relations and will build a national coalition of support. The network debuted in April on 200 cable systems reaching 14 million homes..

● The L.A. Times reports that former Assemblyman Tom Umberg(D) will be nominated as deputy drug czar, serving under Gen. Barry McCaffrey...

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● **Organizers** - The Calif. League of Conservation Voters seeks an Urban Affairs Coordinator for its Los Angeles office who will develop relationships with community-based organizations to expand the constituency for urban environmental issues. We also seek a Chapter Organizer, to be based in San Francisco or Los Angeles, who will develop and support local chapters of the League throughout Calif. Call Mark shaw at (415)896-5550, x307 for more information...

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